

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics

- o **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- o **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- o **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- o **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- o **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- o **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- o **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

Site Location: These sites are located in an open pine forest across Black Canyon Creek on the south side of the trail. From the wood sign, red arrowheads mark the trail to the sites which are marked by silver arrowheads and metal fire grates. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation.

<u>Number of Sites:</u>	2	<u>Elevation Change:</u>	1,200 ft.
<u>Elevation:</u>	9,040 ft.	<u>Estimated Travel Time:</u>	3 to 4 hrs.

Distance: 4.5 mi. from Twin Owls Th, 3.5 from Cow Creek TH

Water Source: Water is available from Black Canyon Creek. Boil or adequately treat all water.

To Reach the Trailhead (TH): Drive north out of Estes Park on MacGregor Lane/Devils Gulch Road approximately 1 mi. to Twin Owls TH. Trail starts on west end of parking lot.

